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Office Action Summary

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 28 March 2006 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SE/US)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: ____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 11 recites the limitation "the ram" in lines 3 and 5. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim. A ram is not set forth in claim 1.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Cheers et al. (5,692,409). Cheers discloses an ironing tool set (8) comprising dies (1,3) having inserts (6) for ironing a can wall and coolant dies (5,10) adjacent the ironing dies (1,3). The coolant dies (5,10) have internal cavities (11,12) for circulating coolant.

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Each of the cavities (11,12) has a wide inlet and an outlet restriction spraying coolant adjacent the inserts (6). The die face facing a can wall where the coolant is sprayed through the coolant dies (5,10) adjacent inserts (6) as shown in figure 1 forms a cooling face.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 3 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cheers et al. (5,692,409). in view of Scholey (6,776,021). Cheers does not disclose a vacuum port for removal of debris. Scholey teaches that it is known to remove debris via a vacuum port (44). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of invention to provide Cheers with a debris collection port as taught by Scholey in order to continuously clear debris through the coolant system.

Claims 4-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cheers et al. (5,692,409) in view of Main (4,223,544). Regarding claims 6 and 7, Cheers discloses a system (15,16,17) for biasing a cooling face against an ironing die comprising pistons (15) resiliently mounted on the dies, the pistons being activated by fluid pressure (column 4, lines 34-40).

Cheers does not disclose that a cooling face is inclined toward a die insert. Main teaches that lubrication/cooling die (42) has an inclined face (54) towards an adjacent die insert (34). Main teaches debris washing by jet nozzles (col. 3, lines 5-10 and 55-60). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of invention to incline the cooling face of Cheers toward the die insert as taught by Main in order to focus the flow near the die insert.

Claims 8-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cheers et al. (5,692,409) in view of Blue (6,598,450). Cheers does not disclose a cooled punch. Blue teaches that it is known to have inner (8) and outer (10) tubes in a ram (4) for the purpose of cooling the ram. It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of invention to provide Cheers with ram cooling means as taught by Blue in order to control a temperature of the punch.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Ed Tolan whose telephone number is 571-272-4525. FAX communications should be sent to 571-273-8300.

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